

I am dismayed to learn of Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This action is a clear example of the dangerous trend allowing such media conglomerates to form and monopolize our public airwaves.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I do not see how this documentary serves the public interest. Sinclair is merely looking out for their own monetary and political gains. Public airwaves should be used to promote participation in the democratic process, not a private company's opinion.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, and not continue to weaken them. The public airwaves should reflect people and views from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter, not what's dictated from Sinclair's corporate headquarters.

I hope that the FCC will consider this misuse of the public airwaves and reject Sinclair's application for renewing their broadcasting license in the state of Maryland.

Thank you for your time and attention to this VERY important matter,